

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-6, 8, and 9 are pending in the instant application. By this supplemental amendment, claim 1 has been amended to correct a typographical error made in the previous amendment to claim 1, in which the phrase "for the protection of an excitable tissue" was inadvertently deleted. No new matter is introduced by this amendment.

Applicants respectfully request that the foregoing supplemental amendment and remarks be made of record in the file history of the instant application.

Respectfully submitted,

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